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UPCOMING EVENTS

HOME **AWAY**

Men's Hockey vs Ryerson, Feb. 16 (7:30 pm) Women's Basketball vs Bishop's, Feb. 18 (1 pm)Men's Basketball @ McGill, Feb. 16 Women's Hockey vs UQTR, Feb. 20 (6:50)

Women's Basketball vs McGill, Feb. 23 (6:30) Men's Basketball vs McGill, Feb. 23 (8:30)

Women's Hockey vs John Abbott, Feb. 13 (6:50) Women's Hockey @ Bishop's, Feb. 16 Women's Basketball @ McGill, Feb. 16 Women's Volleyball @ Sherbrooke, Feb. 16-17 Wrestling @ AUAA Championships, Feb. 17 Women's Hockey @ McGill, Feb. 23

Women's Basketball @ Bishop's, Feb. 25 Wrestling @ Quebec Prov. Champ., Feb. 27

STINGERS SEEK PLAYOFF BERTH FRIDAY NIGHT

Men's Hockey Update: The Stingers overall record stands at 14-19-3 after a victory over arch-rival McGill in the Corey Cup. Concordia, trailing 2-0 after the first period, stormed back to score five unanswered goals. The Stingers were led by Mark Davidson (Lachute, Que.) who scored the first two goals and assisted on one other. **Davidson** was selected the game's first star by Serge Vleminckx of R.D.S. Captain Richard Laplante (Boucherville, Que.) assisted on three Stinger goals. All-Star goaltender Robert Designations (Verdun, Que.) was named the game's second star after making 33 saves. The win gave the Stingers a season mark of three wins and two losses against 8th ranked McGill.

This Week: Paul Arsenault will try for career victory 596 when the Stingers host the Ryerson Rams (7-13) on Friday, February 16 at 7:30. The winner of this game will advance to the playoffs. The contest will be broadcast live on CIRL (650 AM and 88.5 FM Cable).

A Quick Look at Ryerson: The Rams are currently in seventh place in the OUAA, two points behind the Stingers for the last playoff spot. In their first regular season matchup on Nov. 24, 1989, the Stingers lost a hard fought 5-4 overtime decision. The Stingers were behind 4-1 going into the third but came back to tie the game. One month later, at a tournament in Toronto. the Stingers thrashed the Rams 12-2. Head Coach Jim Cairns will be counting on All-Star defencemen Jim Luciuk and last year's top scorer Mark DeBruyne to lead the team.

Stinger Leaders:

GAMES-Jeff Gill (35); Stephane Therrien (35).

60ALS-Richard Laplante (23); Mark Davidson (17).

ASSISTS-Richard Laplante (39); Rob Boyle (22).

POINTS-Richard Laplante (62); Mark Davidson, John Gravelle, Rob Boyle (30).

PEN.MIN.-E.J. Janiszewski (56); Claude Bisaillon (56).

SAVE Z - Robert Desjardins (.891); Todd Talbot (.857).

STINGER PLAYER CAPSULES

Richard Laplante (*77): Currently second in Division scoring, Laplante has been an OUAA all-star the past two seasons. The 1989 Guy Lafleur Trophy winner is currently sixth on the Stingers All-time goal scoring list. He needs one more goal to hit the century mark. Laplante is also sixth in career scoring with 227 points in 102 games. He has averaged 2.22 points per game in his career which is the best ever by a Stinger. This year, Laplante (5-11, 190) has amassed 23 goals and 39 assists for a total of 62 points, more than double any other Stinger. He is currently seventh in league scoring after finishing third last season.

Robert Desjardins (*00): This 1988-89 league All-Star has a 3.27 G.A.A. in 18 league games. He has an impressive save percentage of .888. His G.A.A. is fourth best in the league despite the Stingers being 12th out of 16 teams. Last year, Desjardins backstopped the Stingers to a league record of 14-8-2. This year, he has won 8 league games while playing behind 14 rookies. He was recently named the second star of the Corey Cup,held at the Forum, where he backstopped Concordia to a 5-2 victory. His game seems to step up a notch against quality opponents. He has a 4-4 record against ranked teams this year.

SEVENTH-RANKED BASKETBALL STINGERS FACE MCGILL FRIDAY

Men's Basketball Update: The first place Stingers defeated the Ottawa Gee-Gees 107-95 on Saturday, February 10. Concordia was led by graduating guards Michael Cohee (Montreal, Que.) and Mike Baker (Vankleek Hill, Ont.) who each had 21 points. Cohee recorded his first double/double (points/rebounds) game of the year by pulling down 10 rebounds. Nick Arvanitis led the team with 13 rebounds and also chipped in with 18 points. Baker's 21 points was a career high.

<u>This Week</u>: John Dore's Concordia basketball team, 18-5 overall and 14-2 in league play, travel to McGill Friday, Feb. 16 for an 8:30 p.m. contest. The Stingers have defeated the Redmen nine straight games dating back to Jan. 15, 1988.

A Quick Look at McGill: The Redmen are currently in third place with a 9-6 record in the 0.U.A.A. They are led by Paul Brousseau who is second in the country in scoring, averaging 24.3 points per game. He leads the C.I.A.U. in rebounding averaging 12.1 boards per game. Veteran David Steiner is currently averaging 21.0 points per game, eleventh in the nation.

Stinger Stats: (record by days of the week)

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	9-1	4-3	3-0

Season Highs:

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>IEAM</u>
POINTS- Dino Perin (29) vs Ottawa;	(130) vs Ryerson.
REBOUNDS - Dino Perin (17) vs Carleton;	(58) vs Ryerson.
ASSISTS - Robert Ferguson (7), Mike Baker (7) vs York;	(26) vs York.

CONCORDIA STINGER BASKETBALL CAPSULES

Nick Arvanitis: The fourth year forward has been a consistent performer for the Stingers since joining the team from Vanier College. Arvanitis had a career high 18 rebounds against District of Columbia on Nov. 12, 1989. He is averaging 17.3 points per game scoring a career high of 27 points against Ryerson. Arvanitis (6–5, 202) is leading the team in scoring as well as in minutes played per game. A first team conference all-star two years ago, he has a good chance of repeating that honour this season. Arvanitis has scored in double figures 21 out of 23 games this year. He has also recorded 9 double/doubles (points/ rebounds). The Montreal native was named to the Centennial Basketball Tournament all-star team for the third straight year in November. He has moved into sixth place on the Stingers' All-time scoring list with 1714 points.

Dino Perin: The third year center had a career high 29 points against Ottawa in Concordia's first league game on November 24. Perin (6–8, 215) enjoys playing against Ottawa based teams as he had a season high 17 rebounds against Carleton in the second league game the next night. This was one short of his career high 18 rebounds set against McGill in 1987–88. Perin leads the team in rebounding averaging 9.1 boards per game and is second in scoring with his 16.1 points per game average. He is seventh in the country in rebounding. After finishing fourth in the country in field goal percentage last year with 63.9, he is again leading the Stingers converting 62.5%. Perin has moved into tenth place on Concordia's All-time scoring list with 1270 points.

Michael Cohee: The third year swing guard is third in team scoring this year, averaging 16.0 points per league game. Cohee (6–1, 165) had a season high 27 points against Toronto and has hit double figures in 17 games this year. One of the top defensive players in the OUAA, Cohee guards the opposing team's highest scorer the majority of the time. He is the team's best 3 point shooter converting 52.9%. Cohee has averaged just under five rebounds a game from the guard position. He had a team high eight assists against District of Columbia (N.C.A.A. Division I) and is leading the team with 85 free throws. He has scored in double figures his last 7 games and was the team MVP last year. Cohee sits number nine on Concordia's All-time scoring list with 1278 points.

Robert Ferguson: The first year guard from Vanier College is the team leader in assists averaging 2.43 per game. Ferguson (6-2, 186) is fourth in team scoring averaging 11.8 points per league game. He has recorded 2 double/doubles (points/rebounds) this year and has a team high 30 three-pointers. This rookie has started every league game and was an All-Canadian at Vanier College in 88-89. In 1987 he was named the CCAA Championship MVP. Ferguson had a career high of 23 points and seven assists against York on December 3rd, 1989.

STINGER WRESTLERS HEAD TO CIAU QUALIFIER AT U.N.B.

<u>Wrestling Update</u>: The Concordia Wrestling team is off to the A.U.A.A. championship which is being held at the University of New Brunswick February 17. The team will be led by three-time national champion **Rob Dawson** (Windsor, Ont.). Also going to U.N.B. are #1 ranked **Dwayne Zacharie** (Montreal, Que.) and 2nd ranked **Mike Meekins** (Saskatoon, Sask.). This meet is a qualifying stage for the nationals being held in early March. Concordia is hoping to regain the form that enabled the Stingers to win the team title five consecutive years from 1984-88.

STINGERS IN SHERBROOKE FOR FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

Women's Volleyball Update: The Concordia Stinger Women's Volleyball team (27–17) will be travelling to the University of Sherbrooke for the first round of the Q.S.S.F. playoffs. Their pool includes Chicoutimi (UQAC) and the University of Laval. Laval is currently ranked #8 by the C.I.A.U. The Stingers play UQAC at 10:00 on Saturday, February 17 and Laval at 7:00 the same day. Concordia has beaten UQAC 2–0 and 3–2 this season. They have lost to the Rouge et 0r three times by scores of 2–0 each match. The Laval game at 7:00 will most likely decide which team advances to the next round of the playoffs.